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To the CORPORATION of TRINITY-CHURCH, NEW-YORK,
GENTLEMEN,

THE period has arrived when it becomes necessary for me to request your attention to the following facts ; from which you will perceive my unwearied endeavours to effect an Episcopical Establishment at Hudson. To carry into execution so desirable event, I was influenced to remove from Cats-Kill, where in the exercise of medical practice, an opportunity presented of maintaining my family with satisfaction and credit.

After being regularly inducted the Minister at Hudson, it was agreed as a general principle, that as I had come to live in the Parish my yearly allowance should be double what it was when I occasionally visited them from the town of Cats-Kill, viz. £ 100. As the sum was in itself small, and soon discovering from the duties of the place, I should evince to my beloved parishioners how justly I should deserve the sum, I required no written agreement, but left a sense of justice and requital on their own consciences. I was the more easy on this head, as Doctor Talman, Warden of the Church Society, Hudson, had signified to me his intention to leave his extensive practice, and remove to the city of New-York, and who had, of *his own accord*, prepared me for his successor, in that line. Dr. Talman did remove, and certainly left me in rising practice ; but the *Yellow Fever*, in a few weeks, induced the Doctor to return with his sick family to Hudson ; and I of *my own accord* resigned to him the full possession of my business ; satisfied with his friendship, and sorry that his removal had been so unpropitious. This event, Gentlemen, was the more to be regretted by me, as I had a few days before the Doctor's return intimated to the Church people, a belief that from my encouragement as a physician, I should not call for any ministerial support, till imperious necessity made it expedient. Thus was I left at Dr. T's return, without practice and without an immediate salary ; and at a time too, when every exertion was in force to build a Church

Church and fix an Episcopal Establishment; to encourage the laudable undertaking, I had declared to the subscribers; if they would sign generously, I would be generous also. As I had determined to reside at Hudson, and being at the Episcopal Convention at New-York, I understood that the Corporation of Trinity-Church had it in contemplation to make a general appropriation to the country churches; and from the eligible situation of Hudson, our calculations for a generous support, from your honorable Body, was well explained and most ardently expected. Our progressive petitions to the Corporation corresponded to our expectations; but the issue proved we had petitioned for one favor, and we had granted to us another. Had my unwearied applications to your Body, for several months, been attended to, (after the money was *loaned* to me for Hudson Church) much past distress might have been prevented me and my poor and tender family; but it was the opinion of my venerable Diocesan, Bishop Provoost, to whom I frequently submitted my Records, petitions and attested papers, (as the Chairman of your honorable Body) that it would answer no immediate good purpose to lay them before you. He therefore regularly returned them to me (after, I believe consulting some gentlemen of your Standing Committee) and with that tenderness and sympathy which as a gentleman and Christian he invariably manifested, always accompanied the return of the *papers*, with a request that I would preserve them carefully for future inspection. After receiving such documents and advice from Dr. Provoost, I waited on Doctor Moore, with all the material papers that concerned me and the Hudson Church, and left them for 24 hours for his and the Rev. Mr. Bissett's perusal; that hereafter, should it be necessary they might testify to the *identity* of such papers. in my ultimate appeal to your Body or the World for the distribution of the money *loaned* me for Hudson Church — After an absence of four years from New-York, I last month passed thro' the city and paid my respects to Doctor Beach and to Bishop Moore, they both informed me that reports of a very disagreeable nature were in circulation against my honor and honesty; and that the members of the *Church at Hudson*. spoke of me with contempt and abhorrence, for the manner in which I had treated their Establishment. My apology to those gentlemen not being satisfactory;

factory, I promised Doctor Beach, and assured Bishop Moore, that whenever I had rested on my native shore, with my sick family, from a long and expensive journey, I would address a letter to the Corporation of Trinity-Church, a copy of which letter I would send them.

As you are the only Corporate Body with whom I can settle the business of the TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, it is a great consolation to me, that amidst all my distresses of a mental, bodily, and pecuniary nature (the certain wages of every gospel Minister) I can appeal to the hearts of men, who have risen into wealth and esteem by labor and sterling merit in your respective professions; and some of whom can feelingly remember how arduous their exertions have been, and still are, to gain an honest independence and an approving conscience.

The following documents are from the *Identical Papers, Records, and Vouchers*, that I once submitted to Dr. Provoost and Dr. Moore: the *Originals* are carefully preserved, to correct any misrepresentations, or to repel any unjust accusations. In this capricious age there is no other way for a man to act, and it accords with that sure maxim "That the injured never forget," but that those who injure have commonly very bad memories!

Believing you to be the faithful guardians of property originally intended for "the purchase of Glebes and for the support and accommodation of Episcopal Clergymen for the time being" that were or shall be in union with the "Rites, Ceremonies and Principles of the Corporation of Trinity-Church" I with pleasure submit the subsequent statements to your consideration:

And am, with sentiments of respect,
Your much injured but faithful Servant,
W. C. GARDINER.

At a meeting of the Episcopal Society at Hudson, duly notified according to law, and present at the City-Hall, a quorum for business, being Thursday, Aug. 7, 1794.
THE act of the Legislature of this State, setting forth the manner of organizing Religious Societies being read, the gentlemen present proceeded in conformity thereto

thereto, appointing by ballot two returning officers to receive the votes of the electors for Trustees, when

Capt. PELEG THURSTON and

Doctor HENRY MALCOLM, were chosen.

The sense of the members being taken, it was unanimously voted that the following persons be the Trustees, *William H Ludlow, John Pennoyer, David Smith, Peleg Thurston, Henry Malcolm, Thomas Harrison, John Hewitt, James Bourke, and Benjamin Fairchilds.* The Society then chose Mr. *John Powell* and Dr. *John Talmán*, Wardens.

At a meeting of the Episcopal Society of Hudson, held this day by adjournment at the City-Hall, Aug. 17, 1794.

THESE being a full meeting for business, a motion then being made and seconded, that this society do give themselves a name, as well for their own interest as a due compliance to the existing law of the state, by which the Trustees and Congregation so named, shall by such act and deed be deemed a body corporate, and have perpetual succession. Accordingly the name of *Christ-Church, Union-Church, and St. Paul's-Church,* were duly proposed. The votes being taken and counted by the Wardens, it appeared in favor of *Christ-Church,* by a majority of five.

THE Society then resolved to unite to the doctrine and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal-Church of the United States of America, as ratified in General Convention of Bishops, Clergy and Laity, in the city of Philadelphia, from Sept. 29, to Oct. 16, 1789.

It was then voted and resolved, that *Christ-Church, Hudson,* adopt the rules and regulations of the Episcopal-Church of New-York, and pay unto the Right Reverend Samuel Provoost all canonical obedience, and acknowledge him their Diocesan. This was done by the unanimous voice of the members present.

The Senior Warden taking the chair, proposed the election and induction of their Minister. The motion being received, it was voted and resolved unanimously, that the Reverend Walter Clarke Gardiner, be and he is hereby appointed Rector of the Episcopal-Church of Hudson.

From

From the RECORDS, page 24, 25.

This day (June 25, 1795) the Rev. W. C. Gardiner, by special invitation, resided with his family at Hudson, and on Sunday July 5, a meeting of the Congregation was held at the City-Hall, after two weeks regular notification, for the express purpose of reorganizing the Episcopal Society, agreeable to a late act of the state granted to the Episcopal-Church in the state of New-York, whereby they are authorized to elect and substitute Vestrymen for Trustees, and other indulgencies, under certain legal restrictions. Also to regularly induct and settle their Minister, appoint Vestrymen and Chorister, elect their Wardens, and devise the mode of proceeding relative to laying the foundation of Christ-Church, on the lot lately conceded to them by exchange with Thomas Jenkins, Esquire, and to appoint a Committee, in conjunction with the Minister, to superintend the building of said Church, and forwarding the subscription for the same.

Accordingly *William H. Ludlow*, Esq. taking the the Chair, the Congregation nominated and unanimously Voted *Walter Clarke Gardiner* their Minister, during his and their pleasure.

John Powell and *H. L. Hosmer* were unanimously elected Wardens, and *William H. Ludlow*, *John Pennoyer*, *David Smith*, *Peleg Thurston*, *Henry Malcolm*, *John Hewitt*, *James Hyatt*, and *Delucena Backus*, were unanimously elected Vestrymen, and *John Powell*, Chorister or Clerk of the Church. The Committee to superintend the building of the Church, are for the present year.

WILLIAM H. LUDLOW,
PELEG THURSTON,
JAMES HYATT.

1795 August 6.—RECORDS page 28.

This day the Minister, Wardens and 5 of the Vestry with the Mayor of the City, staked out the Lot belonging to the Episcopal Society being 90 feet by 70.

August 10. This day A. M. 6, the Minister *Walter C. Gardiner* in presence of several gentlemen of the Society laid the corner-stone of Christ-Church Hudson, with a short but heart-felt ejaculation, that ALMIGHTY GOD WOULD BLESS THE WORK AND ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION THEREIN !!

1795,

1795, Dec. 3.—page 31.

This day the Rev. Mr. *Gardiner* arrived at New-York, and agreeable to request of the Committee of his Church, presented the following letter to *Bishop Provoost*, as president of the Corporation of Trinity-Church.

To the honorable the Vestry of Trinity-Church.

Gentlemen,

Being appointed a Committee to superintend the building of a Church for the Episcopal Society of Hudson—to report the progress of said building, and the expences which will arise to its being externally finished.—We have either by ourselves or proxy, with unremitting diligence effected the desire of our Society in beholding the Edifice now covering—in having exhausted the sums subscribed by our anxious and zealous citizens and with all possible exactitude reported the expences to the external completion to be rising of £ 1200.

From this report of their Committee the Society have renewed their desire that we would still act in their behalf and represent them by petition to your Board for relief by pecuniary assistance, in order to finish their arduous and christian undertaking.

It is therefore with pleasure we address you in their stead, from a belief of your compliance to assist us when the following statement is received, viz. That the city of Hudson has this present year encreased very considerably, and contains among an industrious people, 3 organized Religious Societies, an Episcopal Presbyterian, and that of Friends. The 2 latter have, from the donations of their brethren abroad and exertions at home compleated two commodious and sightly Edifices for the worship of God.—2dly. That the Episcopal Society embraces a very distinguished and respectable portion of the city of Hudson, who have stately kept up their worship, have made use of great exertions among themselves, and exhausted the means of doing more; and now look up for the most timely aid from the church of New-York.—3dly. From the knowledge of the ability of Trinity-Church their known orthodoxy and charitable intentions toward the weaker churches, who have stood firm in the Episcopal Faith, and are striving to be more extensively useful.—4thly. From knowing, most certainly that your granting us a moiety of your abundance will be gratifying

ing the departed souls in the communion of Saints, who originated to their everlasting praise and the churches glory, your funds of piety and charity—will strengthen our hopes, revive our joy, reward our labors, adorn our city with a respectable Church and congregation, and enable us soon to make *our* triumph *yours*; and lastly from a conviction if you withdraw the speedy hand of pecuniary relief *we sink to rise no more!* then will be *the reign of faction and the triumph of slanderous unbelief.* We therefore, honorable brethren, ask in behalf, and by desire of our Society for the sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds to finish our church: this sum (like water to the parching earth) will, with our own arrangements, fix our church for *consecration* by the first of June next, and the rents of our pews will fully enable us to support the *man, whose labor for us has already been incessant!* Our prayer, is gentlemen, that you will assist us to decorate the *True Daughter of Zion*, and when the FATHER of HEAVEN maketh up his Jewels may you be rewarded as faithful Stewards!!

Being gentlemen, with great consideration,

Your Humble Servants,

WILLIAM H. LUDLOW,	} Committee of Christ Church.
PELEG THURSTON,	
JAMES HYATT,	

Nov. 28, 1795.

1796, January.—RECORDS, page 33.

The Rev. Mr. Gardiner spent the most of this month at New-York, in soliciting assistance for Christ-Church Hudson;—and while there preached occasionally for the Bishop and Clergy of Trinity-Church. He returned by the way of Rhode-Island, through Connecticut, to Hudson, Feb. 21st following, (endeavouring in that long route of 300 miles, to hire some money for Hudson Church, among his friends) to meet the demand of the Bank at Hudson.—See the following letter:

Hudson, January 12th, 1796.

DEAR SIR,

In expressing the anxiety of the members of our Church at large, and that of your friend Mr. Peleg Thurston in particular, permit me to add my own, upon an occasion so interesting to our mutual credit and welfare, as a religious society.—You know the situation in which your obligation

obligation in behalf of the Church was left—that it was understood, and known to the members of the Bank here, that though you appeared as the drawer, the intention was that you were to be supported by the society, and you know that their the latter's confidence in the promised assistance from New-York, in a great measure emboldened their undertaking.—Your letter to Mr. Thurston, dated the 2d November last, afforded us the most lively satisfaction, and with pleasure we mentioned it to the mechanics and others; about this time the Note became due, yourself and indorser were absent—what was to be done?—feeling for our own, and your individual credit, we endeavoured to prevail on Mr. Elisha Jenkins to become the drawer, and Mr. Thurston offered to indorse, but the former positively refused, and Mr. Thurston finally assumed the note, and the whole amount was accommodated 'till the succeeding period—say the next fifty-four days.—Now, dear Sir, much time having elapsed since the receipt of your letter already mentioned, and the only one received since your departure, and the Note progressing fast to its next extent of credit, and a positive assurance that it will not be again accommodated, I have to represent to you the feelings of your friend Mr. Thurston in particular (as drawer of the Note in your stead) and to request that if any unforeseen accident, or circumstance, has, and still continues to prevent your coming in person, with the promised assistance, that you will be so good as to write to Mr. Thurston or myself, and point out some efficient means for our relief, and I trust you will not suffer those of opposite views (if you have it in your power to prevent it) to sneer at our undertaking.—Pardon the freedom with which I now express myself to you—the occasion is pressing—and I request you to believe that while my motives are governed by regard for the Church, they cannot be unfriendly to you—with compliments of Mrs. Malcolm and myself to Mrs. Gardiner.

I am, dear sir,
Your assured friend,

HENRY MALCOLM.

P. S. We have concluded if you do not arrive, or we do not receive satisfactory information from you within fourteen or fifteen days, to call a meeting of the Church, and appoint a person to go to New-York, and lay before the

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the Corporate Body of the Church there, a state of our affairs, and entreat for their immediate assistance, to enable us to remove our present embarrassments at least, and if nothing more can be done, to leave the Church to its fate.

Doctor *W. C. Gardiner.*

EASTER.

At a meeting of the Minister, Wardens and Vestry, and Congregation of Christ-Church, Hudson, convened after due notification—being met, and having exchanged the felicitations of the Anniversary of the Resurrection of our most blessed Lord and Saviour, agreeable to the ancient usage of the Apostolical Episcopal Church:—

WE proceeded to the choice of Wardens and Vestry, for the year ensuing.—The minister chose John Powell the Senior, and the Vestry, chose Hezekiah L. Hosmer, Esq. their Junior Warden—and then proceeded, in conjunction with the Congregation, and elected the following Gentlemen the Vestry for the year ensuing:

William H. Ludlow, Esquire, of Clavarack; and

Messrs. Peleg Thurston, John Pennoyer, David Smith, Henry Malcolm, John Talman, John Hewitt, and James Hyatt.

Mr. John Powell was re-elected Clerk of the Church, and Messrs. Ludlow, Thurston and Hyatt, continued the Committee for superintending the building of the Church.—Also Voted and Resolved, by this Board, that the above Committee be earnestly requested to call in, inspect and arrange, every bill, account and demand, against the Church, and report to this Board at their next meeting.

After the above proceedings—We adjourned *sine die*,
Witness,

W. C. GARDINER, *Clerk.*

At a meeting of the Minister, Wardens and Vestry, of Christ-Church, Hudson, convened after due notice 1st Sunday after Easter, being April 3, 1796.

THE above Board was called, in consequence of the alarming state of the temporalities of said Church, and to devise ways and means to extricate the same from the impending threatenings of the workmen and creditors of

faid church—to receive the report of their committee—and to consult on and send forward a speedy petition to the Hon. the Corporation of Trinity-Church New-York, entreating that the money recently granted Christ-Church, Hudson, toward the establishment of a glebe and permanent maintainance of a pastor, may be immediately appropriated to pay off the workmen and creditors of the church, for their work done on said building, and money lent toward the completion of the same. Accordingly Capt. P. Thurston, and Mr. James Hyatt, the acting persons of the Committee, reported, that as far as they have been able to investigate, they are of opinion—the following statement to be nearly the true state of the debts and demands of said Church.

Dr. Christ-Church in account current with the Committee,

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<i>April 4th, 1796.</i>		<i>April 4th, 1796.</i>	

The Committee further reported, that they have, on hand, materials sufficient for the compleat external finishing of the Church, and about one-third of the inside thereof:—All which materials are paid for in the above statement of £ 1450 0 0½; and further the Committee saith not.

W. C. GARDINER, *Clerk.*

Wherefore, on motion *Voted*, that the thanks of this Board be given to the Committee, for their exertion and expences, until better satisfaction can be rendered.

Voted, That the Committee of Christ-Church be hereby authorized and requested, to address the Bishop and Standing Committee of Trinity-Church, New-York, (inclosing a copy of the above statement and record—certified by them, and the Minister of said Church) and entreat the said Corporation for immediate relief.

Voted and Resolved, That Doctor Walter C. Gardiner, the Minister of said Church, and Mr. John Kemper, be and they are hereby authorized and requested, both or
either

either of them, to wait on the Bishop and Committee of Trinity-Church, with the proceedings of this Board, and to use their utmost exertion to procure immediate assistance, and they are hereby empowered to receive all the monies granted by the said Corporation to Christ-Church, and to receipt for the same, and to account to this Board as soon as possible after their return.

The above and preceding passed as unanimous Votes and Resolves of the above Board. Witnesses,

W. C. GARDINER, *Minister of said Church.*

WILLIAM H. LUDLOW,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
PELEG THURSTON,		
JAMES HYATT,	}	<i>Wardens of Christ-Church.</i>
JOHN POWELL,		
H. L. HOSMER,		

Hudson Records—pages 41, 42, 43.

On the 5th April, Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Kemper sat off for New-York, and on the 8th presented the following letter to the Bishop in behalf of the committee of their church.

RIGHT REVEREND and HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN,
Hudson, April 5, 1796.

WE being appointed a Committee for the completion of the Episcopal Church, now building, and finding from an accurate arrangement of expences, the impossibility of ever extricating ourselves, and the Congregation of said Church, from the embarrassments in which we are respectively placed, by our sanguine exertions to build the same, arising already from an *united demand* of nearly Nine Hundred Pounds over and above our subscription and joint advancement by all possible methods. And being impressed at this time with your late generous appropriations of £ 800 for our use, under particular restrictions, for which, may the kind and bountiful giver of every good and perfect gift reward you ! Under these considerations (and agreeable to the enclosed proceedings) we therefore most urgently request, that you will condescend to confer with the persons who now wait on you with our letter and papers ; and may it be in your disposition to appropriate the above sum to the discharging the debts of our Church now building, and thereby enable us to compleat the same. Such is the critical situation of our Parish that in no other way will your kind donation

be of service to us ; but by transferring it to our more needy and ultimately more beneficial use. Without it, Gentlemen, we can neither have a Church, Minister, or Congregation a month longer ! by now receiving it, we can by the rent of the pews, effect the wishes of our souls in beholding our Church by the return of winter completed and thereby have abundant reason to glorify God in the Episcopal faith and worship, and bless our earthly benefactors.

The reverend Mr. Gardiner, will *from his peculiar and official station*, communicate whatever is further necessary on this trying and momentous occasion of our petitioning. His *assiduity, faithfulness and concern* toward the Episcopal Establishment, at this place, *can only be equalled* by the dreadful disappointment that must inevitably ensue to us all, in the Hon. Corporation refusing either to grant or loan us sufficient to immediately discharge our pecuniary obligations. Having too great a confidence in you gentlemen, to expect a denial, and totally unable to withstand such an event—We are,

Right Reverend,

and Hon. Gentlemen,

Your obliged servants,

Committee of the { WILLIAM H. LUDLOW,
Episcopal Church { PELEG THURSTON,
Hudson. { JAMES HYATT.

In consequence of the above letter, and repeated conferences with the Bishop, Committee and influential Gentlemen of Trinity-Church, on the part of Mr. Gardiner (Mr. Kemper having returned to Hudson disheartened) —The Corporation, by their Committee (after twice refusing) at last granted the sum of £800, to Christ Church, Mr. Gardiner being obliged *to give bonds* for the faithful application of said money, under a certain restriction.

1796, May 17—Records, page 48.

A meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ-Church, Hudson, being called, by request of the Committee, to confer on the manner of receiving the money loaned to them by the Corporation of Trinity-Church, New-York : They assembled at the house of the Rev. W. C. Gardiner ; and after a full discussion of the business, the question was put to each gentlemen present by

by the Minister, "Sir, will you receive the money under the stipulation proposed by the Standing Committee of the Corporation of Trinity-Church, viz. "To substitute your bond, and take up mine?" The gentlemen present, to the number of 13, individually *refused* to substitute their bond for the one given; and the money was left *in the hands*, and at the *discretion* of the Minister, *W. C. Gardiner*.

A true Record: Attest,

W. C. GARDINER,
Rector & Clerk.

1797, March 5.—Records pages 56, 57.

At a meeting of the Minister, Wardens and Vestry, of Christ-Church, Hudson, convened after regular notification at the place of worship.—Present;

Rev. Walter C. Gardiner, Rector.

John Powell and H. L. Hofmer, Wardens.

Vestry, } John Pennoyer, David Smith, Peleg Thurston,
John Hewitt, James Hyatt, and Henry Malcolm.

And several of the Congregation.

The above meeting was called to confer on the present state of the temporalities of the church, and to hear the proposals of James Hyatt, for the completion of the Edifice--and also to appoint a committee to ascertain the true condition of affairs, by calling in, examining and reporting, the debts, dues and demands, by subscription, contribution and labor, advanced on said building—when it was Voted, that the following persons be the Committee :

Peleg Thurston, John Kemper & James Nixon, jun.

It was further Resolved, That the above persons report, by the next Sunday, leaving the Society at perfect liberty to accept or refuse their report, if necessary. After some explanatory conversation, the above Board adjourned, to meet on the Sunday following, at the same place.

March 12th, 1797.

At an adjourned meeting, agreeably to a stipulation at the last—a number of gentlemen met—but there not being a legal quorum for business, the same was adjourned *sine die*.

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The Committee the next day sent for Mr. Gardiner, at the house of Mr. Peleg Thurston, and deposited with him the said Mr. Gardiner, as Rector of the Church (and as the most interested in a settlement) *all the papers*, with an estimate of all the real debts and demands; to be laid by him, at the next regular meeting, before the Corporation of Hudson Church, for their approbation or rejection; or as documents for an ultimate settlement with the Hon. Corporation of Trinity-Church, when his bond should expire in April, 1802.

N. B. I could never get another meeting of the Corporation.

Attest, WALTER C. GARDINER, *Rector.*

*April 16—Easter—*Held Church twice, administered the sacrament, and by previous notification, delivered a Farewell discourse, to a large and affected audience, from these words, “*Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*”—In the afternoon, “*It is expedient for you, that I go away.*”

On that day, and the day following, a number of honest men and pious members of the Church, and several others attached to my doctrines and person, had a conference with me, and most cheerfully signed the following letter; (which letter was previously drawn up to be laid before the adjourned Meeting of March 12, for their signatures.)

To the Hon. the Corporation of Trinity-Church, New York.

GENTLEMEN,

IT is with extreme reluctance, that the Subscribers, as Wardens, Vestrymen and principal of the Episcopal Society, Hudson, do again address you on the situation of our church affairs, and nothing but the immediate prospect of the Episcopal Establishment at this place being near its dissolution, to the great grief of the worshippers in that Faith, as well as to the loss of property, which we as individuals, in conjunction with others, are about to sustain, in consequence thereof, could have induced us, for the last time, to request your most necessary assistance.

As individuals, we have exerted all the personal aid in our power, and have done for the Establishment, by subscription and contribution, perhaps more already than the

the situation of our growing families will justify. The Rev. Mr. Gardiner has also exhausted every possible resource in the business, and his unremitting services, either as Minister, Superintendant of the building, and accommodating the debts, dues and demands, of the Establishment, has caused him to commit himself, as it were, inevitably to expence and trouble, and has in the event involved him in behalf of the Church, in lawsuits and distress, to the sorrow of his friends, and perhaps irreparable injury to his young family, in a strange land, remote from their near and dear connexions.

Doctor Gardiner, with an integrity only to be equalled by his invariable zeal to the Episcopal Church, and inflexible attention to us, hitherto as a small, but needy, religious society, has declared himself accountable to your hon. body, for every dollar *loaned* to Christ Church, Hudson, in May last, and we believe fully able to satisfy your respectable Committee, that the money, as will appear (by the numerous papers, records and vouchers) has been expended towards the liquidating the debts of the Church, agreeable to the spirit of our progressive petitions, if not in strict compliance to his literal instruction: the alarming state of the building, and most pressing and threatening clamours of some workmen on the Church, induced him on his return, to do as he did. From the statements and papers, as well as from the attested records of our Church (which we request may be inspected by your Committee) it will appear, that notwithstanding all we have been able to procure either by subscription, contribution or loan, our Church Edifice, in its present state, is indebted to individuals a considerable sum; and 'tis with sorrow we mention it, certain workmen and others are now commencing suits against the said building and Doctor Gardiner, for their respective demands, which we are totally unable to palliate or avoid any longer.

Without your assistance Gentlemen, whatever has been already done will be entirely lost, and the credit and establishment of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this City, with that of our unfortunate minister will be entirely destroyed, to the open and secret triumph of the enemies to religion and social order; but with your immediate help, all can possibly be restored to its pristine condition and efficacy. We therefore most ardently
entreat

entreat of you, Gentlemen, to grant our Minister a hearing and conference, if not for our sakes, for him and his tender offspring; and if it be not consistent with the rules and regulations of your honorable body to take the Church, with its records, Minister and papers, under your special protection and fostering care.—May the blessed Spirit, of every good and perfect gift, influence you to grant a sum sufficient to discharge our present debts, with the cost of suits;—or as our last, and most pressing request, alleviate the hopeless condition of our suffering and faithful Minister.

We are in behalf of the Episcopal Establishment at Hudson—with every consideration of respect

Right Reverend and Honorable Gentlemen,
Your Humble Servants,

JOHN POWELL, *Warden,*

JOHN PENNOYER,

DAVID SMITH,

JOHN HEWETT,

JOHN KENEY,

WILLIAM ROGERS,

DAVID COOPE,

BENJAMIN FAIRCHILD,

JOHN WALGROVE,

Vestrymen, &c.

RECAPITULATION.

IN the month of April 1796, the Rev. W. C. Gardiner then Rector of Christ Church Hudson, received of the Corporation of Trinity Church New-York, Two Thousand Dollars to liquidate the existing demands against the said Hudson Church: The Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, Samuel Johnson, L. L. D. President of the College, William Laight, Hugh Gaine and Moses Rogers Esquires, being the Committee. The above Committee being deeply impressed with the statements and importunities of Mr. Gardiner in regard to Hudson Church, granted him the said sum of money, he being obliged to give bond for the faithful distribution of the same; although this £ 800 was originally destined for the maintainance of the said Mr. Gardiner and his successors as Rector of Hudson Church, altho' Mr. Gardiner had not received from the Vestry and Congregation of Hudson Church, from the time of their inducting him their Minister, to the April 1796 above mentioned, but about fifty

Thirty Pounds, although nearly Two Years had elapsed; and notwithstanding the said Rev. W. C. Gardiner was desired by the worthy Committee above mentioned to procure the bond of the Corporation of Hudson Church, in lieu of his the said Gardiner's, on their receiving the benefit of the said Two Thousand Dollars; or else to use the mouey on his own, and Successors behalf, his bond being chargeable till April 1801. Although I say these were existing facts, yet the said W. C. Gardiner finding by the insidious conduct of two of the acting committee (the worthy William H. Ludlow of Cavarack being free of censure; but entitled to great praise in this business) that they were determined to get at the *money*, without releasing his the said Gardiner's Bond; he was determined to purchase a house and 60 acres of land with *One Thousand Dollars* of the money, and pay the other *Thousand Dollars* to the distressed workmen on said Hudson Church. Peleg Thurston, and James Hyatt, two of the acting Committee, together with Nicholas Hathaway (the chief Carpenter, and who had with his several journeymen agreed to do the work)—hearing what the said Mr. Gardiner was determined to do with the 2,000 dollars (thus left in his hands, as his bond was not taken up:) they had frequent and officious interviews with Mr. G. and most solemnly assured him, that on paying Ns. Hathway's bill *in full*, and their bills *in part*, they would all proceed with alacrity to finish the Church; when the sale of the pews would discharge all further existing debts, and *the rent of the pews, and a subscription*, give the said Mr. Gardiner an handsome support, for his cares and services.—A shocking, and perhaps a true detail, of the consequences that would follow to their credit, to Mr. Gardiner's honor, and to the safety of the Episcopal establishment at Hudson,—in case of a refusal, was perpetually resorted to by the above persons. Mr. Gardiner *at last yielded*, and paid to them the following sums: To *Peleg Thurston*, Three hundred dollars to pay the Bank of Hudson, and One hundred dollars more towards his account against the Church, making

Dolls. 400

To *Nicholas Hathaway*, five hundred
dollars,

Dolls. 500

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To

To *James Hyatt*, Three hundred and twenty-eight dollars, Dollars 328
and took their receipts and solemn promises!

The above three persons conducted in the following manner afterwards:—Mr. Hathaway *took his workmen from the Church*, and contracted to do the Carpenter's work on the Masons' Lodge, Hudson, and performed it accordingly!—Peleg Thurston continued active, until he collected from the subscribers, and from the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, sufficient money to balance his account against the Church, and then left the State: James Hyatt, although he had received TWO HUNDRED and SEVENTY-NINE dollars *more* of the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, *took back* from the place where they were deposited, materials sufficient to nearly balance his *just account* against the Church, and left it and the Minister to seek assistance elsewhere!—While these things were transacting, the Rev. Mr. G. paid away all that remained of the Two Thousand Dollars, to the necessitous and *honest* workmen on said Hudson Church. On March 5, 1797, the Minister called a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry (see page 15); at which meeting a Committee was appointed; who reported, to an adjourned meeting, the following statement, viz.

Dr. Christ-Church in account with sundry persons,		Dr.
To Nicholas Hathaway,		£ 1800 15 2
John Pennoyer,		
Samuel Nichols,	Accounts	
Peleg Thurston,	rendered	
Rev. Walter C. Gardiner,	in	
James Hyatt,	March 6,	
John Powell,	1797.	
William H. Ludlow,		
Thomas Jenkins, &c.		
By monies received by the contra persons,		Cr. £ 1306 9 11
By amount of subscriptions, collected and uncollected,		133 19 6
By errors in Accounts,		14 10 0
By Balance due,		345 15 9
		£ 1800 15 2
		Of

Of which sums it appears in the hand-writing of James Hyatt, P. Thurston, N. Hathaway, S. Nichols, and report of the Committee of Hudson Church, that the Rev. W. C. Gardiner advanced *Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight Pounds, Four Shillings*, there being in the hands of the committee *receipts* to shew the same. And that the Rev. Mr. G. had also been *debited* with fundry monies amounting to Eighty Pounds 9s. 3d. which Mr. G. acknowledged. At the adjourned Meeting, (see page 15) the Rev. Mr. G. was anxious to submit his account current from the 4th May 1794, to March 12 1797, by which it appeared there was due him for Ministerial Services for the above period, upward of Two Hundred Pounds, and for expeditures of money over and above what the Rev. Mr. Gardiner brought from New-York, upwards of One Hundred Pound, making £. 319 9s 11d, due from the Wardens and Vestry, and from the acting committee, to the said Mr. W. C. Gardiner, but as it was an adjourned meeting, and some of the principal members being absent, "*for fear they should commit themselves,*" Mr. Gardiner's account was not passed. After this a general disgust prevailed in the parish; the more cunning part of the Corporate Body kept out of the way; the mean and mercenary had got their demands, and the honest and poorer part of the Society suffered with their unfortunate Minister.—See page 17. Executions took place, and the Rev. Mr. Gardiner had to sell his library and furniture to discharge the demands of the *Creditors of Hudson Church*, and debts occasioned by his endeavours to serve the people of Hudson. ✕

N O T E.

In the 1st Vol. of a "Twelve years experience and view of Men and Things."—under the article *Hudson*, the author will prove that Doctor Gardiner was not the only clergyman materially injured and neglected by the people of that place. Anecdotes of the late Mr. Thompson and Mr. Barney two pious and learned ministers of the Presbyterian Church, with the treatment they received for *their unwearied and gospel labors*, while at Hudson, as related by themselves and others, will fully this.

Under the article *New-York City and Albany*, a few more circumstances as connected with the article *Hudson*—will be fairly related. "Let him that standeth—take heed lest he fall!"

The

The Trustees, or Vestry and Wardens, of Christ-Chnrch,
Hudson, in account with Walter C. Gardiner, Dr.

May 4, 1794, to May 4, 1795.

To my demand for salary, agreeable to first year's settlement, for every other Sunday,	}	£ 50 0 0
To Cash expended, in passing and repassing the North-River, for their fakes, during the above period,		
		3 15 0

1794, October 9, 19, to May 4, 1796.

To my expences, in attending the E- piscopal Convention at New-York, Packets, boarding-house's bill, &c.	}	12 0 0
To my demand for a year's salary, agreeable to the sense of a Church- meeting, held June 25, 1795, and recorded in their Records, pages 24, 25,		
Sept. 27. To cash paid the Rev. John C. Ogdon, for his expences in coming from Troy, by request of my Church, to administer to them the Holy Sacrament, I then being a Deacon.	}	2 3 2
Oct. 17. } To my expences in jour- 24. } neyng to Catt's-Kill, Lonenburgh, Claverack, Kender- hook & Albany, by horse, and stage to procure money on subscription, for building a Church,		
To my expences twice to the city of New-York, in the year 1795, to procure monies for the Episcopal establishment, Hudson, and expen- ces there, while attending the Con- vention (being days <i>lost</i> from Me- dical business, then <i>all</i> my support, although the time is <i>not</i> charged, but only <i>cash advanced</i> .)	}	31 18 0

1796.

1796. To a wearisome attendance in laying out the ground, and su- perintending the workmen on the Church edifice, in the absence and <i>by request</i> of the acting Committee, in the months of Aug. and Sept. and Oct. (very hot months!) to the loss of time, property and health! and accommodating the accounts and demands to the end of the year,	40	0	0
1796. To cash paid Simeon Darien, I. Morgan, S. Coffin, Winslow Mc. Clean, Smith, Patterfon, Clarke, Row & Son, Carter, Robinson, Vn. Heufen, Wells, Sharp, Scherma- horn (£ 3 12s.) Rn. Folger (£ 4) S. Nichols (8s.) Morrifon and N. Folger; amounting to	96	2	6
To a balance due Reuben Folgier, on church account, charged to me,	4	10	3
5 years interest on the same,	0	16	0
Oct. To my note given Henry Schermahorn for Bricks,	22	15	3
Writ, judgment aud execution, on me for the same, all paid by my at- torney E. Gilbert, and repaid by me to him,	8	8	5
*To my note in the hands of Messrs. Reeds, for timber, &c. sold the Church. by A. Mix,	24	0	0
Five years interest on the same, at 8 per cent.	8	0	0
To cash paid John Pennoyer, as per receipts,	12	16	0
To money lent him on note, with 6½ years interest; the original sum being £ 16.—Which money he refuses to pay, he having a demand against Hudson Church of three times the sum,	24	0	0
To cash paid Nichs. Hathaway, as per receipts,	206	5	0
			To

To cash paid Samuel Nichols, as per receipts,	} £ 51 12 0
To cash paid Peleg Thurston, towards his account against the church, agreeably to his own receipts,	} 44 16 0
To cash advanced him, to pay the Bank,	} 120 0 0
To cash for rum and nails to church and workmen,	} 1 5 6
To cash advanced James Hyatt, as per receipts,	} 242 16 0
To a year's salary, due from Easter 1796, to Easter 1797, the period of my resignation,	} 100 0 0
To interest charged to me, in Austin and Nixon's accounts, for my different notes, and due-bills to them, for months and days over the punctual time of payment, on account of my orders to them, in behalf of fundry workmen on Hudson Church, which respective interests I have paid,	3 2 6 1 1 2 0 5 7 0 11 6
To expences in attending the Episcopal Convention, by a vote of the church, Oct. 2, 1796,	} 8 0 0
To 11 days detention and expences at New-York, in getting Priest orders; <i>it then being considered essential</i> to Hudson establishment,	6 17 8
1797. } To cash expences to New-Feb. } York, while there on behalf of Hudson Church, by the particular request of the principals,	9 4 6
To my chaise, taken by execution, to discharge a debt of a creditor on Hudson church, who held my note; the note being for £ 7 7s. 6d. and the chaise worth £ 20, including the late repairs made thereon,	12 12 6
	To

To 100 per cent loss (including fatigue, and sundry small cash expences) in having my books and furniture seized and sold, to satisfy Austin and Nixon's <i>Cash account</i> against me, for paying my notes at Bank with interest, balances of execution, &c. &c. as per account of sales, and their <i>final account current</i> , Jan. 29, 1798,	105	10	8
1797. } To my note given to Tho- June. } mas Powers, for lime ad- vanced Hudson Church, }	22	16	8
To five years and three months } interest on do. }	9	3	1
To cash paid John Rowe & Son, over and above what is already charged to them in my account, handed the Inspecting Committee, as ascertained in my final settle- ment with A. & Nixon; being mo- ney advanced them for work on Church,	7	6	0
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	£	1388	18 7
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To the interest of the just balance of
£ 437 16s. 8d. due me since July
1, 1797—being five years and two
months, from said Hudson Church:
for the want of which money, vari-
ous writs, and expences of interest
having been laid on me from time
to time at 8 per cent. and upwards
(3 per cent. interest being deduct-
ed for the occasional interest men-
tioned in several bills and items in
the above statement of accounts)—
The interest of £ 400, for 5 years,
at 5 per cent. being only charged,

	£	100	0	0
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	£	1488	18	7
				1794.

Cr.

Aug. 21. } By cash handed me by	}	£	11	10	0
1794. } John Powell—Warden,					
1795. } By cash from James Hy-	}		4	16	8
April 21. } att,					
Sept. } By do. handed me by John	}		1	12	0
Powell,					
1796. } By do. received of Peleg	}		20	2	0
Nov. 12. } Thurston; it being in					
part money he collected for me, in-	}		2	4	0
cluding his account at Bank,					
By do. received from John Powell,	}		2	4	0
20s. 24s.					
By monies received on subscription	}		54	16	9
paper, for building the Church,—					
in full,	}		25	12	6
By amount of lime, plank and boards,					
fold to fundry persons, as per ac-	}		15	0	0
count, delivered the Inspecting					
Committee, March 16, 1797,	}		3	8	0
By amount of Wm. H. Ludlow,					
Esq's. subscription towards my sa-	}		15	0	0
lary for 3 years, at £ 5 each year,					
cancelled by a note held against me,	}		3	8	0
By cash received from Messrs. Fair-					
child, 12s. Hewitt, 24s. Malcolm,	}		139	1	11
16s. D. Cope, 8s. and Talman, 8s.					
By money handed me, by his Ex-	}		12	0	0
cellency John Jay, towards the E-					
piscopal establishment Hudson,	}		151	1	11
By money brought from New-York,					
and expended in liquidating the	}		800	0	0
debts of Christ-Church, Hudson;					
which money, after my bond is	}		951	1	11
cancelled, will be allowed to Hud-					
son Church,	}		537	16	8
Balance due W. Gardiner, Sept. 1, 1802,					
			1488	18	7

The above statement of my Dr. and Cr. account with Hudson (which I aver to be just) and for every charge I have either a *receipt*, or a *voucher*; will no doubt create in the minds of such characters as compose the Corporation of Trinity Church, (men of honor and of business,) much concern and astonishment; *concern*, that they have allowed themselves to be so long prejudiced against a *Presbyter* of their Church, in a money matter, in the clearing up of which, he and they are mutually interested; and *astonishment*, that the said *Presbyter* should have taken so patiently the "spoiling of his goods;" the having *filched* from him his good name; and the endurance for so many years of hearing his character, designs and usefulness, become a *bye-word* of reproach and abhorrence, even among those of *his own order* and of the professional part of the world, who possess meddling, superficial or *designedly* detraactive tempers: but all this will be reconciled, when your worthy body are informed, that the late Rector of Hudson Church, did often appeal to you by letter, and oftentimes as far as New-York in person: but that he found the *avenue*, to your paternal bosoms closed. At Hudson, the *machinations* of a few individuals and the disorganized state of the Episcopal Establishment, in consequence thereof left me no immediate remedy: and in your city, for me the *tide* of successful petition and explanation was too much impeded by design and tardiness for my forlorn finances. I therefore have waited under many distresses, for the expiration of that period, when my bond given to you should bring me properly before you; and I have waited like a man, who although feeling the heavy hand of griping poverty—the poignancy of insulted honor—the sneering, though base construction of noble and manly motives: (perhaps too for the best and most innocent actions of his life)—yet never could be brought *for a moment before the time*, to accommodate his temper, or sacred character, to any clerical hypocrite, insidious upstart, or shameless robber, of neglected virtue or insulted integrity!—Nor do I wish you to understand me as appealing to your Board for any thing but what is justly due me. For distressed individuals I have borrowed and begged, and felt much of the *stings and arrows of outrageous ingrates*.

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For

For such I have thought no sacrifices of expence and fatigue too great. For myself and family, the sweat of my body and brains procures an ample support.—When such means fail, I shall look to no Church or Corporation for assistance under Heaven. But to that Master who was made perfect thro' suffering and who has well taught me what *wages* I am to expect from the World and from Him. “In the History of my own Times,” which I am preparing for the world, I shall show, That the Episcopal Church in many towns and villages in these States have drunk deep of the spirit of Antichrist, and are far from the “*good old way.*” Pride, rancour, cunning, avarice and innovation in these revolutionary times may support a political machine along while, but I will prove them to be *wounds* and *bruises* and *putrifying sores* in any Ecclesiastical Establishment; especially in that branch of the Church of Jesus some of whose Priests have boasted of so much *sterling godliness*, and practised so little! In taking your pencil gentlemen, and minuting the items of my actual cash expenditures for the Hudson Establishment, you will readily perceive that the 2,000 dollars borrowed of you, have not been applied to my benefit *on earth*, whatever ultimate reward I may meet with *in heaven*. You will clearly discover too, that upwards of Seventy Pounds is due to Powers, Folger, Reed, &c. for which I stand responsible. You will also find, that exclusive of the above £ 70 I consider myself injured to the amount of *One Thousand Dollars*, in my labors for Hudson Church. It would be insulting your humanity and your resources to repeat to you my inability ever to pay that £ 70. I leave it to be cancelled by those who are able, and I expect a sense of honor and honesty, will induce such to release my notes and send them to me. And I request you Gentlemen, to have a conference with me by your Committee, inspect my receipts and Vouchers, peruse the attested records and certificates, and give me up my bond left with you in April 1797. When I consider gentlemen, that you have given liberally to several clergymen of our church, then residing in the State of New-York, who by misfortune, by distress, by duty or by age, became objects of your munificence, what have I not a right to expect from your justice. For 3 years I was constantly engaged

gaged in the service of the Episcopal Church in the State of New-York. At Catts-Kill, Lonenburg, Batavia, New-Stanford and Hudson, their records and the testimony of the people will evince my sacrifices, my zeal and my fatigue for the Church. The night, the season, or the distance, never discouraged me ; I bore my own expenses, *preached my own sermons*, and baptized and administered the Sacrament to hundreds ! young, hearty and active, cold, hunger and fatigue, soon found recompence in the pleasure of assisting Christians, and making proselytes to Christianity. At last I *condensed* my ministerial duty to the City of Hudson, and spent all I could possibly gain, by *medical business* and by *domestic frugality*, by *borrowed money*, by contributions or subscriptions to that ungrateful Society.

As I had made great and apparently sure calculations of the building being soon finished, I fell into the snare laid for me by P. Thurston, Hyatt and Hathaway ; for perceiving an end, as I thought, to my anxious and wearisome labors for the Society, very naturally felt responsible for the honor of the establishment, and gradually made myself accountable for the general accommodation of the whole business. What a sad prospect was this for me, who had made it my superior pleasure and *my duty*, from the *manner settled*, to aid, to assist and to edify them, to experience at once such a reverse of condition ; at a time too, when my *small salary* lay unasked for, and while indefatigable in exhausting every resource for their prosperity and future happiness.

When things went on well, I could not walk the streets or ascend the pulpit, without their smiles, their praises and benedictions ; as events turned I was left a prey to my own reflections, a victim to the mercenary and evasive, and in "*perils among false brethren.*" When I requested you, Gentlemen to grant money to liquidate the debts of Hudson Church, rather than for the purchase of a Glebe-House and Lot, for myself as Minister : I was willing to overlook my own demands, nay to *forget* myself, in the strong desire of establishing a Congregation of *Churchmen* : but I was most egregiously disappointed ; confiding in human nature with little circumspection, and in *pursuing the shadow, lost the Substance !*

May

May God and his Christ at the awful but necessary judgement, reward all faithful Ministers, with the sight of their gospel labors, and give to the voluptuous and slothful the *bare retrospect* of the victims of their neglect and hard-heartedness!

For one, whose family and self have naturally been in the habit of relieving the distressed; whose mansion has been the receptacle of the fatherless, the stranger, and the Christian pilgrim; whose heart and talents (such as they are) have been devoted to religion and his native country; now to *entreat* a liberal and wealthy Society, in New-York, to *make up to him* voluntarily; what he shall otherwise *demand* of a branch of their Society, to *make up to him necessarily*; is among those mysterious events to which human beings are connected, and who are from the imperious changes of life occasionally the objects of poverty or meagre wretchedness and want. As I never sued or distressed an individual in my life, much more a Society, permit me to repeat the urgency of my being an immediate object of *your justice*; and among those instances of *Ministerial suffering*, where *pecuniary* relief only can be serviceable from the *manner* it is presented and the *speediness* of the application.

I beseech you, gentlemen, to believe me, when I assure that I am now waiting in your city, at considerable expence, to have this matter *decided*, either by the law or the means you may point out—if insult is to be added to ingratitude, and former ill treatment to be renewed from Hudson; or if neglect and contumely await me from your quarter; *aut cesar, aut nullus*; is my destiny! —We live in revolutionary times! my part is to *act*, as well as to *suffer*; and if I become the instrument, under Heaven, to develope individuals, societies or systems, with whom I have been connected, to an astonishing world—remember it is done TO JUSTIFY MYSELF, and *act the part of a true historian*. I therefore appeal to you, gentlemen, by all those powerful motives that actuate the faithful stewards of money, *originally* given to be appropriated to the aid of suffering Ministers and Congregations of our *Church*—by those great—those good principles, that affect the tender parent, the Christian, or good citizen, that you delay not to return me my bond, and
make

make good in some measure my pecuniary injuries for the advances and services while residing at Hudson.

With great respect—I am, your much injured, but faithful servant in Christ,

WALTER C. GARDINER.

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A P P E N D I X.

Mr. Gardiner, having collected from some respectable confidential friends that his enemies had been industrious in different parts of the U. States to make him out, as an Impostor and excommunicate, as eccentric and vindictive, as mean and illiterate: and that he assumed professions occasionally, as caprice or misfortunes dictated—thinks it his duty to subjoin the following certificates. They probably will cut off occasion from those who desire occasion to “*wag the head*” of slander and “*shoot out*” the cowardly *tongue* of sly detraction.

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No. 1. From a Committee of the Parish where he was born.

At the Glebe, Oct. 17th, 1790.

SIR,

HAVING been for too long a time without the benefit and assistance of a Minister, to procrastinate any longer our intentions to declare to you our unanimous and sincere wishes.—In consequence of which we have convened at the Glebe of St. Paul’s Church, on this twentieth Sunday after Trinity, and from our united good opinion of your character and abilities, together with the knowledge of your past and continued deportment and application in the sacred and worthy study of divinity, have agreed to present you with these our candid sentiments and fervent request, viz. That you will (if agreeable to yourself) take the most speedy measures to facilitate and expedite your Ordination, that you may, agreeably to our wishes, preside over and take charge of St. Paul’s Church in Narraganset, and do whatever may by you be deemed consistent towards the completion of this our desire.

We are, in behalf of the Parish, yours, &c.

JOHN GARDINER,	GEORGE BROWN,
WM. R. ROBINSON,	S. GARDNER,
JOHN COLE,	ROW. BROWN,
SAM. BRENTON,	FREDERICK GARDINER.

No. 2.

No. 2.—Medical.

This may certify, that Walter Clarke Gardiner, Physician, being about to remove from this State, has applied to us for such credentials as we think proper.

WE therefore with *much freedom* can inform, that he has served a regular term of years to the profession, and has been several years in the practice. From his general information, and good character, we can recommend him to the patronage and confidence of the Citizens, wherever he may chuse to reside.

Medical Society, } JON. EASTON, jun.
 } ISAAC SENIER, M. D.
 } BENJAMIN MASON.

Newport, Nov. 4, 1793.

No. 3.—Clerical.

BY the tenor of these Presents, be it known unto all men, that We Samuel Provoost, by Divine permission Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New-York, solemnly administering Holy Orders under the Protection of Almighty God, in St. Paul's Chapel, New-York, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Six, did admit into the Holy Order of Priests, our well beloved in Christ, Walter Clarke Gardiner, of whose virtuous and pious life, and conversation and competent learning and knowledge in the holy Scriptures, we were well assured, and him the said Walter Clarke Gardiner, did then and there rightly and canonically ordain a priest, he having first in our presence made the subscription required by the general Ecclesiastical Constitution.

In Witness whereof we have caused our Episcopal Seal to be hereunto affixed, dated the day and year above-written and in the tenth year of our consecration.

SAMUEL PROVOOST.

No. 4.—Local.

WHEREAS the Rev. Walter Clarke Gardiner, having been unanimously elected the Rector of Christ Church Dover, and discharged the duties of his pastoral office faithfully to the period of his resignation; we hereby certify that we have a personal esteem for the said Mr. Gardiner,

Gardiner, do part with him with regret, and most sincerely wish him health and prosperity.

HENRY MOLLESON, *Warden.*

THOMAS RODNEY,

JOHN VINING,

JOHN BRINCKLE,

WILLIAM WARNER,

SIMON W. WILSON,

JOHN CLARKE,

GEORGE TRUITT,

CHARLES HILLYARD.

} *Vestrymen*
} *of*
} *Christ Ch'ch*
} *Dover.*

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In Convention, Easton, June 11, 1802.

On motion—voted unanimously.

THAT the thanks of this convention be presented to Doctor Gardiner for his excellent Sermon, delivered, agreeably to request, and that he be requested to oblige the Convention with a copy for the Pres.

Attest, D. BALL, *President.*

A. KEMP, *Sec'y.*

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To all whom it may concern, greeting.

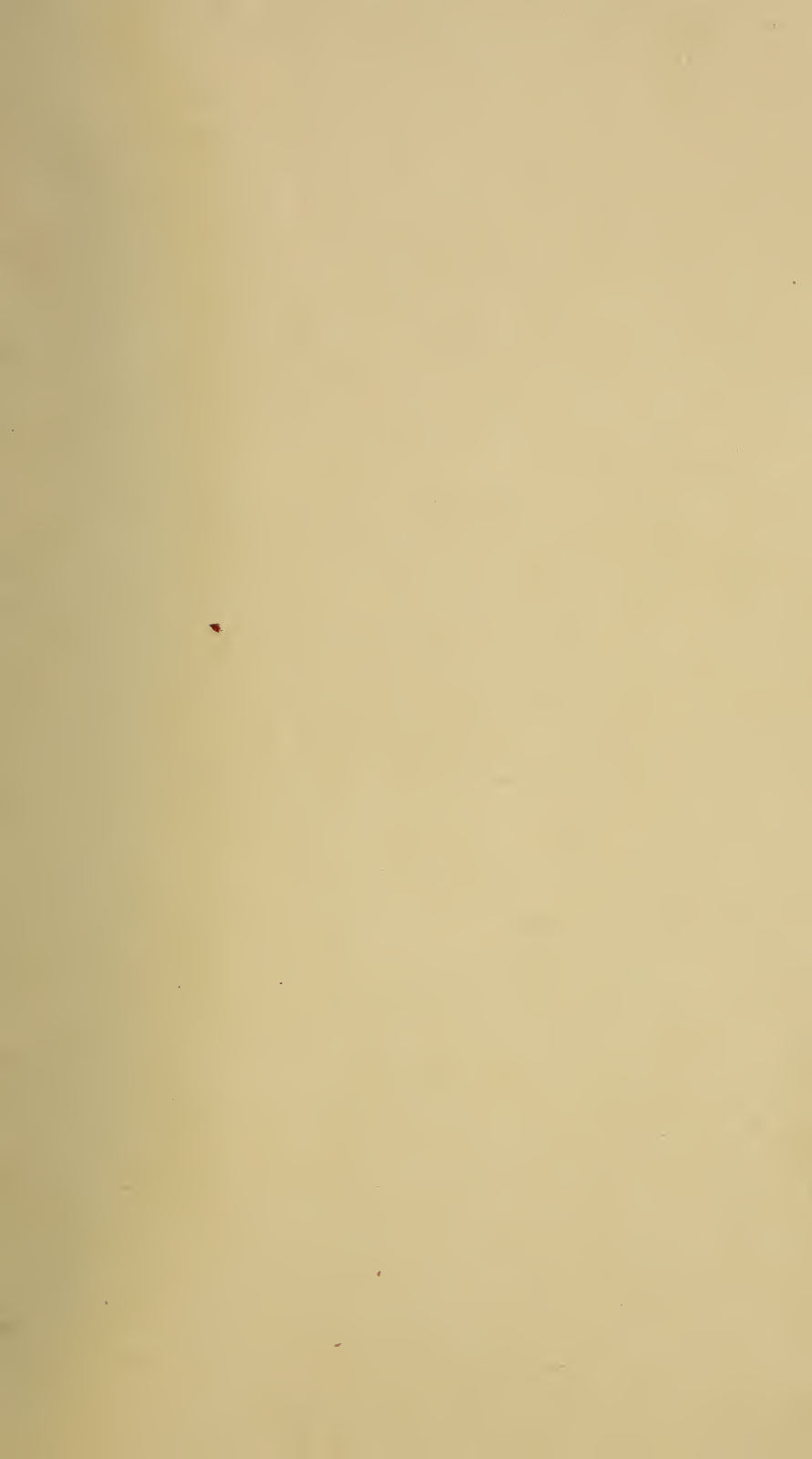
THROUGH a neglect of the Maryland Delegation to the last General Convention, the Reverend Walter C. Gardiner's name was omitted in the List of regular officiating Clergymen of this State. I think it a duty incumbent on me, and with pleasure I do it, to declare that Dr. Walter C. Gardiner, has been regularly and permanently inducted into the Parish of Coventry, of the County of Somersett, State of Maryland; that as a Minister, and as a man, his general conduct has been regular, laudable, and highly acceptable; the Episcopal Church has, under his care and direction, acquired a consistency and dignity hitherto unknown in the Parish, and that a general diffusion of religious knowledge and a consequent amelioration of morals, appear to have flowed from his labours in the ministry: and that his parishioners are generally anxious for his return. My personal and intimate acquaintance with him, and my vicinity to his parish allow me to speak thus positively.

DAVID BALL,

Rector of All-Hallows Parish, and President of the last State Convention at Easton, Maryland.

July 19, 1802.

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